



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 7, 2000

S. 2872

Indian Arts and Crafts Enforcement Act of 2000

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 26, 2000

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2872 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because enactment of S. 2872 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to the bill. S. 2872 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 2872 would allow Indian arts and crafts organizations to seek damages in the federal courts from persons misrepresenting arts and crafts as having been produced by Indians. Based on information from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, CBO expects that any increase in federal costs for court proceedings would not be significant because of the small number of cases likely to be involved. Any additional costs to implement the bill would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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